

## **REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 and leaves claims 3-5 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-7.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned by telephone so as to discuss the outstanding issues of the present application prior to examination.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to the specification as allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that clear support and antecedent basis is not found for the term "virtualization function" in the specification. Applicants submit that the term "virtualization function" is clearly supported in the specification particularly in the description as set forth beginning on page 17, line 18 through page 19, line 2 and as illustrated in Fig. 7 of the present application. Therein, the process of utilizing a table to perform the virtualization function is set forth. However, Applicants note that the specification makes use of the term "virtually set". Thus, in order for the claims to more closely correspond to the description in the specification the claims were amended to recite the term "virtualization setting function". Therefore, the claims as now amended more closely correspond to the terms used in the specification and as such are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, the same as before the present Amendment.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. Various

amendments were made throughout claims 1-4, 6 and 7 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made to claims 1-4, 6 and 7 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action.

The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 7 of the Office Action that claim 5 is allowed.

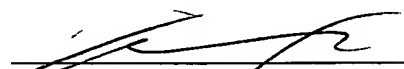
Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 8 of the Office Action that claims 1-4, 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. As indicated above, amendments were made to claims 1-4, 6 and 7 to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6 and 7 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-7 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (1309.43490X00).

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